

HOUSE BILL 2281

By Parkinson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8 and Title 37, relative to fines and fees levied against juveniles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-131(a)(5), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following language:

Assessing a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) against the child's parent or legal guardian for each offense that constitutes a violation of a state law or municipal ordinance;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-146(b)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following language:

Impose a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) against the child's parent or legal guardian; or

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-146(c), is amended by deleting the language "child" and substituting instead the language "child's parent or legal guardian".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Notwithstanding any other law, no fine or fee shall be imposed by a juvenile court against a child and shall only be assessed against the child's parent or legal guardian.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.